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SUBJECT: FORTHCOMING CONVERSATIONS WITH TOP AFGHAN LEADERS

1. I HAVE ASKED TO SEE CHAIRMAN TARAKI, VICE CHAIRMAN BABRAK, AND FOREIGN MINISTER AMIN BEFORE MY DEPARTURE ON JUNE 14. SUBJECT TO THE DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS, I WILL TAKE UP THE MATTERS OUTLINED IN THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS OF THIS MESSAGE. I WOULD, OF COURSE, ALSO REFLECT WHATEVER ASSISTANT SECRETARY SAUNDERS TOLD AMIN IN NEW YORK ON JUNE 5, ASSUMING WE GET A REPORT ON THAT CONVERSATION BEFORE MY MEETINGS TAKE PLACE.

2. U.S. ASSISTANCE POLICY. I WOULD FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED IN STATE 136820 AND REVIEW THE TALKS I HAVE HAD WITH THE VARIOUS DEVELOPMENT MINISTERS WHICH ARE BEING REPORTED SEPTELS. IN RECENT CONVERSATIONS WITH OTHER AMBASSADORS, TARAKI HAS INDICATED THAT HE LOOKS FORWARD TO RECEIVING A MAJOR AID CONTRIBUTION FROM THE WEST, ESPECIALLY THE U.S., TO BALANCE WHAT HE IS RECEIVING FROM THE SOVIET UNION. IF TARAKI RAISES THIS TIME-HONORED AFGHAN PLOY WITH ME, I WOULD DESCRIBE TO HIM OUR AID PHILOSOPHY AND ITS CONCENTRATION ON BASIC HUMAN NEEDS, OUR REQUIREMENT THAT OUR AID BE GIVEN FOR SPECIFIC PROJECTS, THE ANNUAL AID APPROPRIATIONS PROCESS, AND
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THE FACT THAT AMERICAN ASSISTANCE IS AVAILABLE ALSO FROM THE INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND FROM PRIVATE AMERICAN INVESTMENT.

3. AFGHAN INDEPENDENCE AND NONALIGNMENT. I WOULD SAY THAT AMERICAN ATTITUDES TOWARDS THE NEW AFGHAN GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING CONGRESSIONAL ATTITUDES, WILL BE SHAPED TO A

VERY GREAT EXTENT BY OUR PERCEPTION OF AFGHAN INDEPENDENCE AND NONALIGNMENT. IN THIS CONNECTION, I WOULD POINT OUT THAT WE ARE NOT ENCOURAGED BY THE STATEMENTS MADE BY FOREIGN MINISTER AMIN IN HAVANA (KABUL 4566) AND NEW YORK (USUN 2316), WHICH APPEAR TO INDICATE THAT AFGHANISTAN INTENDS TO FOLLOW THE STRAIGHT SOVIET LINE ON INTERNATIONAL MATTERS, INCLUDING EMBRACING CUBA. I WOULD ADD THAT WE HAVE NOTED A SIMILAR TREND IN THE LOCAL AFGHAN PRESS. FURTHERMORE, I WOULD SAY THAT IT HAS NOT BEEN LOST ON US THAT THE GOVERNMENTS THE FOREIGN MINISTER CHOSE TO HAVE MEETINGS WITH IN NEW YORK WERE HARDLY NON-ALIGNED: USSR, BELORUSSIA, GDR, MONGOLIA, ANGOLA, AND ETHIOPIA. HE DID MEET ASSISTANT SECRETARY SAUNDERS, BUT -- AS EMPHASIZED BY THE KABUL MEDIA -- ONLY AT OUR REQUEST.

4. PAK-AFGHAN RELATIONS. I WOULD REMIND THE TOP AFGHAN LEADERS OF THE IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO PEACE AND STABILITY IN THIS REGION AND STATE THAT IN THIS CONNECTION WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT FOREIGN MINISTER AMIN'S STATEMENTS IN HAVANA REFERRING TO "THE NATIONAL ISSUE" AND THE "HISTORICAL BACKGROUND" OF THE PAK-AFGHAN DISPUTE. I WOULD ADD THAT THE UNITED STATES REGARDS THE PRESENT PAK-AFGHAN BORDER AS THE INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED BORDER.

5. HUMAN RIGHTS. IF AN OPPORTUNITY EASILY PRESENTS ITSELF, I WOULD PROBE TARAKI'S APPROACH TO THE BRITISH CONFIDENTIAL

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REPORTED IN KABUL 4525. I WOULD, IN ANY CASE, SAY THAT AMERICAN ATTITUDES TOWARDS THE NEW AFGHAN GOVERNMENT WILL BE AFFECTED BY OUR PERCEPTION OF ITS HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY, AND THAT WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE CONTINUING DETENTION OF INNOCENT WOMEN AND CHILDREN. I WOULD INFORM THE TOP LEADERS THAT I HAVE GIVEN THE MINISTER OF PLANNING THE TEXT OF THAT PROVISION OF OUR AID LEGISLATION CONCERNING HUMAN RIGHTS. IN THIS CONNECTION, THE DEPARTMENT SHOULD BE AWARE THAT IN A RECENT CONVERSATION WITH THE INDIAN AMBASSADOR, FOREIGN MINISTER AMIN SAID THAT HE HOPES THE WESTERN COUNTRIES WILL NOT PUSH THE AFGHAN GOVERNMENT TOO HARD ON HUMAN RIGHTS BECAUSE THAT WOULD FORCE THE AFGHANS TO MOVE CLOSER TO THE SOVIET UNION. AT THE SAME TIME, WE HAVE A REPORT THAT THE SOVIETS HAVE URGED THE AFGHANS TO CEASE HARRASSMENT, ARREST, AND DETENTION OF FORMER GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.

6. OTHER. I WOULD GIVE TARAKI, BABRAK, AND AMIN PRESIDENT CARTER'S ANNAPOLIS SPEECH OF JUNE 7. I WOULD NOT MENTION NARCOTICS UNLESS THAT SUBJECT IS RAISED WITH ME, BECAUSE THE BALL IS IN THE UN COURT.

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